

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A food information management system, comprising:
 - a food processing plant for producing and shipping food in food packages, each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification information relating to the food in the food package;
 - a food information center comprising a food database, the food database comprising food information including cooking information classified by the food identification information;
 - read means for reading the food identification information provided on the RFID tags and for sending the food identification information to the food information center;
 - output means for receiving the food information from the food information center; and
 - display means capable of displaying the food information;wherein:
 - when the read means sends the food identification information to the food information center, the food information center retrieves the food information associated with the food identification information, and sends the food information to the output means;
 - the read means and the output means are provided in a cooking device, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information center remotely over a network; and
 - the display means is connected to the output means.
2. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein the food information comprises cooking conditions for cooking the food,

nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of the food.

3. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein the food information comprises nutritive ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of the food.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

8-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A food information management system, comprising:
a food processing plant for producing and shipping food in food packages, each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification information relating to the food in the food package;

a food information center comprising a food database, the food database comprising food information including cooking information classified by the food identification information;

read means for reading the food identification information provided on the RFID tags and for sending the food identification information to the food information center;

output means for receiving the food information from the food information center; and

display means capable of displaying the food information;

wherein:

when the read means sends the food identification information to the food information center, the food information center retrieves the food information associated with the food identification information, and sends the food information to the output means;

the read means and the output means are provided in a refrigerator, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information center remotely over a network; and

the display means is connected to the output means.

14. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein the food information comprises cooking conditions for cooking the food, nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of the food.

15. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein the food information comprises nutritive ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of the food.

16. (Previously Presented) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein the network is the Internet.

17-21. (Canceled)